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PEOPLE USING UP SAVINGS, GOING DEEPER INTO DEBT

New York (ILNS)—The Administration in Washington may attempt to paint a rosy picture with its forecasts of better conditions just ahead, but this city's financial district deals in hard facts. When unemployment spreads, it knows, people must dig into savings, if any, or go into debt—or both.

For instance, in the first four months of this year, life insurance cashed in amounted to $279,900,000, The Wall Street Journal reports. That's 24 per cent more than in the 1953 period. Life insurance company loans to policyholders soared even higher—by 31 per cent.

And there is "a moderate slowup" in deposits at mutual savings banks. The mortgage debt of home-owners rose steeply in the past three months, bankers reported, after reaching $67.4 billion in the latest report, for March, when it was 11 per cent above a year ago.

Regarded as one of the top indicators of the nation's wellbeing is the total of carloadings. The decline during the first 5½ months was 13.7 per cent. Because of the decreased loadings, $750,000,000 of rail equipment has been unused since January, a representative of the Association of American Railroads reported.

Sales of the nation's great chain stores are down—way down, with automotive and apparel chains being particularly hard hit. Only foods and drugs showed a slight rise, with prices higher.

Department stores sales in the Federal Reserve District which takes in this city and a good part of New York state were down by 4 per cent in May from the 1953 level, it has just been reported.

For the nation, purchases of consumer goods dropped by an annual rate of $5.25 billion in the first 4 months, which was 3 per cent below the rate of retail buying in the first half of 1953.

Meanwhile, with the public buying less, prices rose. The Bureau of Labor Statistics index showed a boost of 0.3 per cent for May over April. That put consumer prices at 115 per cent of the 1947-49 average—just four-tenths of one per cent below the record of last October.

Cost of Living At Near-Peak High for May

The cost of living rose to a near-record level last month, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Reversing a three-month decline, living costs rose three-tenths of 1 per cent between April and May and pushed consumer prices to 115 per cent of the 1947-49 average. The record of 115.4 per cent was set last October. The May level equaled that of February.

The increase was due mainly to an eight-tenths of 1 per cent boost in food prices, the largest monthly hike since June 1953. Fresh fruits and vegetables, meats and coffee were the items mainly involved in the sharp rise.

The increase was enough to prevent a cent-an-hour loss in pay for 1 million railroad workers whose contracts contain an escalator clause tying their pay to the cost of living.

Coffee Price Boosters Equalize Brand Prices

New York (ILNS) — The snail-paced government investigation into the soaring, and constantly increasingly, price of coffee has a new subject for its inquiry—if it cares to look into the subject. That is, how can different brands of the same firm, supposedly of various grades, be boosted to a single level?

To realize what happened you have to go back to the days of not so long ago when coffee sold at half its present cost, or less. Big grocery chains carried three brands of bag-packed coffee touted as "full-bodied," then not so full-bodied and "mild" or some such appelation. There was an appreciable price spread between them.

Recently, by stages, the spread had been narrowed. Now the biggest chain has just raised prices 2 to 6 cents, making the cost of all three of its brands the same. Did the other chains follow suit? Well, one of them preserved its differential—but reduced it to exactly one cent between each of the brands.

'54-Type Economy Caused '29 Depression

Atlantic City, N.J. — "It seems clear that we are returning as fast as possible to the type of economy that created the depression of 1929," Vincent J. Murphy, secretary-treasurer of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor, said.

He addressed 500 delegates at the 76th annual convention of the state AFL.

Class 1 Railroads' Net Income Drops

New York City.—Class One railroads' net income in the first four months fell to $128 million, off $134 million from a year ago. Revenues were down 13.2 per cent; operating expenses declined 7½ per cent.

Checking His Dad



Dennis Piotrowski, 9, pupil of St. John of God School, Chicago, reads latest copy of The Butcher Workman to keep track of his Dad's union. Since he was three Dennis has been singing the union"s theme song at meetings. Walter, his dad, says the boy lets his school mates know all about the union and its benefits.

Buying Power Of Dollar Hits 169-Yr. Low

New York City.—The purchasing value of the dollar last month plummeted to the lowest point in its 169-year history, the National Industrial Conference Board reported.

The board, one of the Nations' largest nongovernmental, nonpartisan research organizations, said the dollar's value dropped to 54.1 cents based on the January 1939 dollar equaling 100 cents.

The dollar declined 3.6 per cent in purchasing power in the past year, the board said.

He beats his wife up every morning. He goes to work at seven and she goes to work at eight.

Quit Raiding! There Are—

32 Million Unorganized

Historic banquet on June 29 in Washington, D. C. at which AFL and CIO buried the hatchet, brought pledges of unity and emphasis on organizing the 32 million still unorganized from Pres. Geo. Meany and Pres. Walter Ruther.

Reuther said a united labor movement will make us immediately stronger in bargaining and on the political front.

Meany said only 16 million out of 48 million are organized, and we must give our time and energy to this job instead of to raiding each other. He said:

"Raiding does not pay . . . The raider soon learns that one who raids the most is the one who is raided the most . . . Raiding diverts us from our main job of organizing the unorganized . . . Only one worker out of three is organized . . . Every unorganized worker constitutes a menace to the standards and conditions of the organized workers.

This No-Raiding Agreement is good for the labor movement. We are concerned with wages and hours but also with the ideal of human brotherhood."

AFL Blasts Rich Man's Tax Bill

(AFL Release)

George Meany, AFL president, in a letter addressed to each of the members of the Senate, urged that the tax bill, passed by the House, be sent back to committee with instructions that the committee "delete all provisions calling for tax relief to special interest groups except in instances where manifest inequities can be shown."

Meany said that if any tax reductions are possible at this time, they should be in "the form of reduction in rates on first bracket income or an increase in the $600 exemption." He said this would be more fair, and would be of greater benefit to the economy.

ARGUMENT FOR '55

H. R. 8300, said Meany, would commit the next Congress to total tax reductions of $3.7 billion, and "undoubtedly (this would) be used in 1955 as argument against much-needed tax relief for taxpayers in the group of less than $5,000."

The taxpayers in the less than $5,000 group, he said, are now paying "an effective tax rate of 87 per cent of that paid in 1945" while those in the upper income brackets are paying only 65 per cent of what they paid in 1945.

The proposed bill, Meany argued, would principally benefit corporation and upper-bracket income tax payers.

"The provision for accelerated depreciation, reduction of taxation on dividend income, and the various other provision for tax relief calling for ultimate revenue loss of more than $3.5 billion yearly will accrue in large part to corporations and upper income group taxpayers," Meany declared.

"If the defense emergency continues or necessitates sustained or additional spending by the Federal Government these taxpayers will need tax reductions least. On the other hand, if unemployment increases and production remains at subnormal levels, corporations and upper income taxpayers would be most effectively aided through the tax reductions for low-income taxpayers that will result in needed expansion of purchasing power."

All First-Class Workers Belong To Their Union

By DANIEL J. TOBIN

There is no money in a cheap man. Nearly all first-class workers belong to their trade organizations, they set the pace for good workmanship and get union wages. The poor workman is not worth any kind of wages. When workers are enjoying good wages the community in which they live is generously prosperous.

The average union man lives well, or better than the non-union workers. His family is better taken care of. Union men spend the greater part of their wages in the stores and shops in the districts in which they live, and there is a general circulation of their wages amongst all business interests.

Go into a non-union town and you will find the average small business man practically starving to death. The union workman, because he earns decent wages, pays his bills and leaves an impression of decency, fairness and square-dealing in the mind of any man or woman with whom he does business.

Wisconsin State Fed. Sponsors Photo Contest

Milwaukee (ILNS) — Shutter-snappers among AFL members in Wisconsin are offered the opportunity of (1) having their work placed on view, and (2) receiving cash awards. An amateur photography contest sponsored by the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor closes August 1.

The competition, open to members of unions affiliated with the State Federation, has two divisions, for black and white prints and those in color. Not only will first, second and third prizes in each division be in cash, but winners of honorable mention also will receive money.

Winning photos will be displayed at the convention of the state AFL to be held in Eau Claire.

ASKS PROBE OF HIGHER RENTS

Washington (PAI)—Rep. Barratt O'Hara (D., Ill.) has served notice that he will ask the House of Representatives to appoint a special committee to investigate planned new rent boosts in Chicago and other cities.

He declared: "I hope that the administration will heed the storm warnings. With unemployment and diminished family incomes, due to stoppages of overtime and other causes, this certainly is no time for telling tenants to cough up another 20 per cent or get out."

Hear Frank Edwards!

Toy Tractors, Trailers Cheer Sick Children

Los Angeles (ILNS)—The problem of providing suitable toys for children convalescing in the Communicable Disease Unit of the Los Angeles County General Hospital was solved James E. Stewart, AFL United Automobile Workers regional director, in cooperation with Fruehauf Trailer Co.

Each of 20 boxes donated to the unit contains 10 scale models of Fruehauf products—4 tractors and 6 trailers, with each of the latter of a different type manufactured by union members at Fruehauf. The toys, of metal in bright colors with miniature rubber tires, lend themselves readily to sterilization.

They thus can be passed from one child to another as youngsters are brought into the hospital, nursed back to health and then returned to their homes. The unit had long faced a difficulty—the children who owned toys were not permitted to take them out of the building because of the communicable disease factor, and the hospital had few toys of its own.

Your Labor Paper— Read and Pass On!

AFL Supports Security Bill, Though it is not Enough

Washington. — George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor, asked the Republican-dominated Senate Finance Commitee to support the Eisenhower Administration and approve the bill, passed by the House, 355 to 8, to broaden and improve the Social Security Act.

Meany said that although the bill does not go as far as the AFL would like in some respects, it represents an important advance in Social Security. He said he was glad to see that the Administration had stood firm in seeing that proven Social Security principles were not weakened by those who oppose the system. He mentioned that one of the spurious proposals that the Administration has rejected was so-called "pay-as-you-go" financing, and has instead seen to it that the soundness of the reserve fund is maintained.

Meany said that the AFL would like to see the wage base increased more, up to $6000 a year, and the federation also would like not only a freeze of benefits for the permanently and totally disabled, but also actual payment of benefits beginning any time a worker has to retire from active employment because of his physical disability.

"The President," Meany said, "has endorsed the principle of contributory social insurance, under which benefits are earned as a matter of right, rather than of charity or largess, and whereby the dignity of the individual person is preserved.

"He has endorsed the principle that benefits should be related to, and based upon, past earnings and employment, and financed by joint employer-employe contributions to a self-sustaining fund, adequate to assure the long-term integrity of the program."

Conservation Briefs

Catfish tags turned in to the California Department of Fish & Game by 28 anglers in the last three months have provided a good start for the State's newest catfish study.

The inland fisheries branch reported that it is looking into such things as how many catfish there are in the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta area and what percentage of them are being caught.

Analysis of returns from the 2,000 white catfish decorated with tags in the study should provide reasonable answers, the fisheries biologists believe.

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Mackerel fishing off the California coast has slowed up considerably. Purse seiners have been bringing in a few loads of small, young fish hatched in 1953. Most of the fish would not normally have laid their first eggs until 1956. Marine biologists say that as long as the fishery continues to operate on such young fish, the hope for recovery of the Pacific mackerel is most dismal.

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Commercial fishing license sales have dropped for the fourth consecutive year. A total of 11,367 licenses were issued for the 1953-54 series—a decrease of 31 per cent from the 1949-50 high of 14,967.

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Sardine reduction applications of 40 fish processors were turned down by the Fish & Game Commission at a recent meeting.

This marks the second straight year that all applications to reduce sardines into commercial oils and meal have been refused. Reduction of whole fish is the only phase of the industry over which the Commission has regulatory control.

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Waterfowl management areas operated by the State all now have a record acreage of crops in production. The grains will provide food for ducks and geese during the fall and winter, attracting them away from intensely farmed lands where depredation problems might otherwise become troublesome.

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Brown trout will go into certain southern California waters for the first time in 13 years. In most cases, the plants from state hatcheries will be made to re-establish the wary brown in streams where they have done well in the past but have been wiped out by the recent cycle of dry years.

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Cutthroat trout weighing an average of two pounds each were planted in Alpine County streams recently. The 3,000 lunkers were surplus breeders from Heenan Lake.

AFL Names Union Chiefs To Attend British Meet

Washington (ILNS)— Secretary-Treasurer James A. Suffridge of the Retail Clerks International Association and President Paul L. Phillips of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers have been named by the AFL as fraternal delegates to the British Trades Union Congress convention. TUC, which represents 10,000,000 British workers who are member of its affiliates, will meet in Brighton, a resort town near London, Sept. 6 through 10.

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PILOTS TAKING STRIKE VOTE ON SAFETY LIMIT

Chicago. — The AFL Air Line Pilots Association is taking a strike vote among 1206 American Airlines pilots on the issue of the eight-hour safety limit.

American is the largest U.S. airline. In 1953 it led all transportation companies in passenger revenue. It operates over 10,825 route miles.

C. N. Sayen, ALPA president, said the strike vote was authorized by the international's Master Executive Council after all other remedies had been exhausted.

RESTRICTS FLIGHT TIME

A government regulation restricts the maximum daily hours of flight time for pilots to eight hours. On June 14, however, the Civil Aeronautics Board granted American a waiver of the rule.

Sayen said American had violated the law for six months openly by flying its pilots more than eight hours.

"They continued to do so," he said, "even after the Civil Aeronautics Administration found them in violation and requested the CAB to put a stop to it.

"Instead of the CAB enforcing the law, they bent it to accommodate AA's illegal operations by granting the waiver. The CAB decision has thrown the responsibility for maintenance of safe standards upon the pilots' shoulders."

CITE EXAMPLE

In a petition to the CAB to rescind its waiver of the fatigue limit rule, the ALPA said:

"It is a matter of record before this board in these proceedings that the scheduling of a pilot to fly eight or less hours in a day on transcontinental nonstop operations does not mean that the pilots in question fly this minimum number of hours.

"The fact is that the record in these proceedings demonstrated that a pilot scheduled to fly 10 hours in these transcontinental nonstop operations may very well be required to fly continuously a span of 13 or more hours.

"Nowhere is even a common laborer so burdened, much less a pilot whose responsibility at a complex job includes the lives of 70 or more passengers."

Stronger Jobless Compensation Program Backed

Astoria, Ore.—Saying that unemployment insurance "has abundantly proved its value," Stuart Rothman, solicitor of the U.S. Labor Department, backed up President Eisenhower's request for a stronger jobless compensation program.

Adressing the Oregon State Federation of Labor convention, Rothman called on the states to accede to the President's recommendation to re-evaluate their unemployment insurance laws with a view to raising maximum weekly benefits "so that the payments to the great majority of the beneficiaries may equal at least half of their regular earnings."

The Labor official also declared that there is "no reason why the worker in the one, two or three-man shops should not be entitled to unemployment insurance." The President has called for compensation to cover employees in such plants.

"The tragedy of unemployment is no less because a man's former employer had only two or three employees," Rothman stated. "The damage to the economy through loss of purchasing power is no less."

What, No Baseball Day?

Congress is getting a little leary of special "days." A sub-committee of the House Committee on the Judiciary has just turned down requests for proclamation of a National Baseball Day, a Better Fishing Rodeo Day and a National Thanx Month. National Nurse Week, the first full week in October, got approval.

OKLAHOMA FIGHTS VICIOUS "RIGHT TO WORK" LAW

(AFL Release)

Tulsa, Okla. — Enactment of the so-called "right to work" law in Oklahoma would "do irreparable harm to the standard of living in Oklahoma. It would first adversely affect the wage earner, then the small business man, and after that the farmer and every factor in our economy except those who own the big factories," Jack Howard, editor of the Tulsa Labor News, declared in a special edition of the paper.

$69 MILLION ISSUE

Howard pointed out the difference in the wage scales in Oklahoma and adjoining states of Arkansas and Texas, where "right-to-work" legislation exists.

"This difference in average hourly wages paid in Oklahoma and Arkansas shows the annual payroll of Oklahoma approximately $69 million more than that of Arkansas with 81,000 workers employed in each state," the paper continued.

"The real reason behind the proposal becomes plain. The real issue is $69 million."

Oklahoma workers are actively interested in the "right-to-work" campaign to destroy organized labor because of attempts by Big Business in the state to get petition signatures for a special election or to have the proposal put on the ballot in the general election in November.

The Oklahoma federation seeks to warn its members that their friends and neighbors against signing the petition. An organization called Jobs, Inc., is behind the campaign. It seeks to outlaw the union shop and closed shop, so that it may encourage industry to come into the state and take advantage of the cheap labor that would result.

JOBS, INC., BLASTED

Jobs, Inc., said Howard, are saying in effect to prospective new industries:

"Come to Oklahoma. Locate in Tulsa. We will see to it that the labor climate is favorable. We will guarantee that you will have labor that will work for wages that assure you a handsome profit. We will see to it that these workers can never bother you for higher wages, better working conditions, and job security, because organized effort will be outlawed. If any group tries to embarrass you, they will go to the state prison. We'll do all this with our 'Right-to-Work' Law. Come to Oklahoma. Get cheap labor. Make money."

Three union-busting laws were presented at the 24th session of the Oklahoma legislature. None was passed. The circulation of initiative petitions is the latest move.

Giant Plant Won By IBEW Over Independent Union

Cicero, Ill. (ILNS) — Defeating an organization which had bargaining rights at the plant for 17 years, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers won an NLRB election at the giant Hawthorne works of Western Electric Co. here. It triumphed over the "independent" Communication Equipment Workers Inc. to become the representative for 12,580 production and maintenance workers.

The victory makes AFL organization of the plant virtually complete, Harry E. Eutender, IBEW international representative, said. Last year, more than 3700 office and clerical employees voted for the Electrical Workers and are now covered by a contract negotiated by the union's Local 1806. Recently, Machinists Lodge 113 won handily in a poll of tool and die workers.

Said IBEW President J. Scott Milne: "The result of the election at the Hawthorne works, oldest and largest of Western Electric's manufacturing units, is hailed as a signal victory by the IBEW. This plant, in addition to the other Western Electric plants we have organized in Indianapolis, Kearney, N.J., and in other cities, makes the IBEW the bargaining agent for the vast majority of Western Electric production and maintenance employees.

"The IBEW is keenly aware of the needs of employees in the manufacturing field. A victory such as that at Hawthorne certainly gives impetus to our organizing activities in electrical manufacturing."

Church Leaders Honored As Fighters for Labor

Washington (ILNS)—Two members of the clergy who often have fought side by side with trade unions for better conditions on the economic and legislative fronts were honored here by labor, church, educational and liberal groups.

Guests at a testimonial luncheon, held to mark their recent elevation to Monsignors, were George Higgins, assistant director of the social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and William McManus, assistant director of the educational department. Representatives of Protestant and Jewish organizations joined in the tributes.

John D. Connors, director of the Education Department of the AFL, who presided, said both men "have never been found wanting when it came to struggles on the side of the underprivileged."

Vote to Extend Coverage of Jobless Benefits

Washington. — The House Ways and Means Committee, as urged by the AFL, voted to extend Federal unemployment compensation benefits to about 4 million additional workers. Some 36 million workers are covered by existing law. The committee-approved measure would boost the total to about 40 million.

Some 2½ million Federal employees and 1½ million employees in private industry would be covered for the first time. President Eisenhower had recommended that an additional 6½ million workers be covered.

Under present law, workers employed by firms having fewer than eight employees are not eligible for Federal benefits. Eisenhower recommended that the benefits be paid where there are one or more employees. The committee decided to draw the line at four.

This would mean that all employers with four or more employees would pay unemployment compensation taxes. Some states already require employers with one or more employees to pay these taxes.

The average unemployment compensation tax now paid by employers is 1.3 per cent of taxable wages.

The committee rejected the President's recommendation that unemployment compensation benefits be extended to some 200,000 workers in agricultural processing.

St. Louis Hatters Award Scholarships

St. Louis.—Three children of Hat Workers were awarded $500 college scholarships by the St. Louis Hatters Joint Council. They were Faye Davenport, Edward Duke and Charlotte Goldman.

Faye's mother and father, Carl and Allene, belong to Local 84; and Edward's father and Charlotte's mother, Cecilia, are members of Local 17.

This is the second year that the St. Louis Hatters Joint Council Scholarship Fund has made scholarship awards. Each applicant must submit a transcript of school grades and three letters of recommendations from friends or teachers who have known them personally for an extended period.

MACHINIST IS POLICE CHIEF

Stamford, Conn.—Named recently as head of this city's police force, Joseph Kinsella is a former shop steward of Intl. Assn. of Machinists' Lodge 1887.

Cole Named No-Raiding Umpire



David L. Cole, center, was picked by AFL Pres. Geo. Meany, left, and CIO Pres. Walter Reuther as impartial umpire for the no-raiding agreement signed by 65 AFL and 29 CIO unions. Cole has a long record in labor relations and was formerly director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

AFL-CIO TRUCE COVERS 10 MILLION WORKERS

(State Fed. Release)

Five major requirements will govern the AFL-CIO no-raiding agreement signed this month for the peaceful adjudication of disputes over "raiding" which may arise between unions of opposite affiliation.

AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther estimate that more than 10 million union members are affected by the voluntary pact which governs 65 AFL and 29 CIO organizations.

The major requirements follow:

(1) Any complaint of alleged violation of the agreement must be sent in writing to the designated representative of the alleged offending union and to the secretary-treasurer of the federation with which that union is affiliated.

(2) The authorized representatives of the unions involved shall try to settle the dispute themselves.

(3) If they fail to effect a settlement within 15 days, the secretary-treasurers of the two federations shall meet to try to achieve compliance with the agreement.

(4) After five days of consideration by these officials, either union or the secretary-treasurer of either federation may submit the dispute to an impartial umpire jointly chosen by the presidents of the AFL and CIO. The umpire shall have jurisdiction only to determine whether the acts complained of constitute a violation of the no-raiding agreement. His decision shall be final and binding.

(5) Each signatory union agrees in advance that if it, or any of its locals, is found to have violated the agreement, it will cease such violation by withdrawing any representation petition filed with the National Labor Relations Board or by withdrawing any claim for recognition submited to the employer.

The joint AFL-CIO unity committee, which announced the signing of the pact, called the action "the first constructive step toward labor peace and a united labor movement since 1936."

Meany said the no-raiding agreement would prove of great benefit to the nation's workers and the public at large.

FRB RELEASES BILLIONS FOR BANK LENDING

An expansion of $7½ billion to $9 billion in the amount of money which banks will be able to lend was assured when the Federal Reserve Board cut by $1½ billion the total of bank funds which must be kept in reserve against deposits. For each $1 released from reserves, officials estimated, between $5 and $6 in loans can be made.

The decision may cut interest rates for businessmen and consumers alike, including persons who want to borrow money to buy homes.

The board said it acted in anticipation of "estimated demands" on bank reserves during the summer and fall. The Government must borrow about $10 billion between July and December. Private companies and individuals also usually step up their borrowing during that period as they build up inventories for fall and Christmas sales and market their crops.

FRB officials insisted that the move does not reflect concern regarding the business outlook. They said increasing the supply of money available for loans would "prevent tightening of credit that would occur and therefore would insure that a business upturn would not be interfered with for lack of credit."

Your Senators' address is Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

829 California Workers Killed On Job in 1953

(State Fed. Release)

Eight hundred and twenty-nine California workers were killed in industrial accidents in 1953, it was announced last week by the state Department of Industrial Relations in a report dealing exclusively with the economic side of industrial death.

Statistics on the dependents of 798 workers were available.

The state report, issued by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, revealed that 600 of the workers had wives, 400 supported minor children, and 104 supported or contributed to the financial aid of other adult dependents.

Fifty-eight per cent of the widows had children under 18 years of age. About one-third of these widows were left with three or more children.

The median or middle-most age of the widows was 41 years and 7 months. The median age of the minor dependents was 8½ years.

The California State Federation of Labor was successful at the 1951 general session of the state legislature in boosting the maximum death benefit for survivor with no dependents from $6000 to $7000, and for survivor with dependent from $7000 to $8750.

Poor House For Aged?

Organized charity doled out in "tin cup" over-the-hill-to-the-poor-house manner is destined to permanent abolishment, according to pension leader George McLain, sponsor of the measure "Aid to Needy Aged" in a state-wide broadcast.

Praising most chambers of commerce and attacking those who are the avowed enemies of the pension movement, McLain pointed up the attack of James Mussatti, General Manager of the State Chamber of Commerce, who urged the public through published statements not to sign the petition that would qualify the measure "Aid to Needy Aged" for the ballot in November.

In combating this attack, the California Institute of Social Welfare issued a documented statistical sheet entitled "Figures Don't Lie" which circulated all chambers of commerce revealing the true condition of the pension problem of the state. As a result, many of the local chambers of commerce endorsed the measure and more than 550,000 names were filed in less than an eight week period in the 58 counties in the state; 303,687 were the required number.

"The greatest enemy of the old age pension program is ignorance of the truth. It is our intention that every registered voter in the state be acquainted with the facts concerning the plight of the needy through documented statistics which may be had by writing directly to the California Institute of Social Welfare, 1031 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 15, Calif.

"For example if the average person knew that due to the decreased value of the dollar since 1935 to 53 cents the pensioners purchasing power was reduced to $1.12 a day for food, rent, utilities and incidentals there would be no hesitation or doubt in anyone's mind about endorsing the proposition granting a $20 a month increase to those senior citizens responsible for the building of our state and nation," McLain concluded.

McLain is heard over radio station KYA San Francisco (1260 kc) at 3:15 p.m. daily except Saturday and Sunday.

This Salmon Went Back to the Ocean

Salmon tag No. 4530 wasn't one of the lucky-number tags for which the San Francisco Tyee Club is offering prizes of $5 to $100. But it was worth at least $100 in scientific knowledge—or headaches—to biologists of the California Department of Fish and Game.

The big trouble was that the tagged fish didn't have any business in the ocean.

The 11½-pound king was caught off the Farallone Islands recently by Emil Feltre of San Bruno.

It had been tagged during the 1953 fall spawning run by a Department federal-aid project crew 130 miles away on the Sacramento River.

All known laws of salmon behavior say the fish should have continued on up the river with the other salmon, joined in their egg-laying activities, and died. The Department says it has tagged hundreds of salmon at the Fremont Weir, and never has a tagged salmon returned to the ocean after getting so far upstream.

Biologists wish they could have obtained some scales from the fish, for then they could have figured out more of its life history. Lacking such evidence, their best guess is that Feltre's salmon was just on an unexplained pleasure trip. Of course it would have been a rarity able to live after spawning. Either way, its behavior was in glaring contradiction to all accepted rules of salmon conduct.

Meanwhile, collectors of odd nature lore can add to their tale of the goldbricking ant this scientific record of a salmon who may have gone half-way on the immemorial nuptial journey of his species, and then decided to remain single after all.

Attend! Take part!

On Record



By: S. C. MASTERSON, Assemblyman Eleventh District, Contra Costa County

ANGLO-AMERICAN TALKS

Sir Winston Churchill came to the United States last weekend for discussions with President Eisenhower. This is the third American President that Churchill has parleyed with while he has held office as England's Prime Minister.

As the talks got under way, chances of straightening out British-American foreign policies did not look so bright, chiefly because the Republican leadership in this country places domestic political pressures ahead of reality in shaping world policy. Perhaps Churchill can convince Eisenhower that neither the cold war nor the support of underprivileged nations can be won by slogans. Southeast Asia bids fair to be lost to the Chinese Reds as a result of the Eisenhower 'new look" military policy and the surrender to the Reds in Korea under a so-called "truce." The European Defense plan seems hopelessly blocked and the "agonizing re-appraisal" has yet to be made. At Geneva the United States suffered one of the most humiliating diplomatic defeats in its history. Yet the GOP still continues to be run by the wild men of their party, who seem to think all negotiation is appeasement.

IKE IN MIDDLE

All this seems well summarized by a verse written by Mrs. Howard M. Myers:

"The GOP, those letters three,
Ike will handle like a hero.
He will stand between G and P
And emphasize the zero."

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REPUBLICAN PROSPERITY

From the "Democratic Digest" comes the following reprint:

Prosperity Simplified

I'm glad my Uncle Hezekiah didn't live to see this day, but I guess it wouldn't have surprised him none. He warned me about it a long time ago.

"Don't you never trust no dumb Democrat, son," he used to say. "A Republican will cut your taxes because it is a brave and statesmanlike thing to do, but when a dumb Democrat does it, it's jest a sordid attempt to buy your vote."

Yeh, Uncle Hezekiah understood those things. They couldn't fool him none. Of course, he wasn't a regular capitalist quite. But he did have a hired man who worked for him. Name of Luther. And Uncle Hezzy he explained it to me like this:

"Every time the Republicans cut my taxes $10, I raise Luther's pay $1 and we're both happy. Luther is grateful to me and that satisfies labor and capital both. That's the basis of real prosperity, son. It drips down to Luther from me and the Republicans got sense enough to know it.

"But them dumb Democrats! They're tricky. They want to sneak behind my back and cut Luther's tax $1 and then they try to pacify me by givin' me a lousy $1, too. You can see that ain't no way to act. Luther ain't grateful to me, so he ain't happy about the position of capital and labor no more. And I ain't happy because I only get one buck back instead of ten—so I lose $9 on the deal."

Yeah, I reckon Uncle Hezekiah would have been plumb dissatisfied with the way the Democrats are talkin' now. But I'm sure of one thing. He'd of stood squarely behind the President and them other noble Republican statesmen that have been wagin' such a gallant fight to keep the dumb Democrats from cuttin' Luther's taxes, too—and ruinin' our beloved country.

LOWEL LIMPUS.

(Reprinted from the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel.)

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Communications can reach Assemblyman S. C. Masterson at his law office, First National Bank Bldg., 6th & Macdonald, Richmond, Calif.

Consumer Buying Still Skidding

Consumers cut their purchases of goods by an annual rate of $5¼ billion during the first four months of this year—or 3 per cent under the rate of retail spending during the first half of last year.

This was disclosed in a special study by the Department of Commerce concerning the effects of the recession since last August on retail sales.

Figures in the survey indicated that the public spent 5½ per cent less of its after-tax income for retail goods during the first quarter of 1954 than in the same period last year.

The study indicated that automative purchases absorbed about three-fifths of the reduction in retail spending. Consumers spent nearly as much early this year on soft goods, like food, clothing, drugs, and auto fuel and oils as in early 1953.

FOOD COST IS HIGHER! (GOES UP!)

San Francisco retail food prices averaged 0.7 per cent higher in May than a month earlier, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The food index of 114.7 is the highest since December 1952 (Av. 1947-49=100), and 0.7 per cent higher than may of last year.

The chief factors for the higher food costs in May over April were higher prices for meats, fruits and vegetables and dairy products.

Prices of meats, poultry and fish, as a group, increased by 0.3 per cent over the month. Lower prices reported for lamb, ham, veal and frankfurters were not enough to offset price increases for round steak, chuck roast, rib roast, hamburger, pork chops and bacon.

In the fruits and vegetables group, which averaged an increase of 1.9 per cent, sharp increases were reported for apples, sweet potatoes, onions, lettuce and tomatoes.

Although butter prices decreased by 1.1 per cent, the dairy products group advanced by 0.2 per cent, reflecting a 2 per cent increase in the price of cheese.

Coffee, averaging over $1.16 per pound, rose by 3.7 per cent.

Egg prices, which have been declining over the past few months, increased sharply, by 5.3 per cent, and were selling at an average price of nearly 58 cents per dozen for the large, grade A variety.

For the U.S., the average of food prices increased by 0.8 per cent, to an index of 113.3. The all items index increased by 0.3 per cent.

Higher Rates Are Set for Learners

Washington.—Higher wage rates for learners in most divisions of the apparel industry under subminimum wage provisions of the wage-hour law were announced by the Labor Department.

Administrator William McComb of the wage and hour and public contracts division set learner rates of 63 and 70 cents an hour to take the place of present rates of 60 and 65 cents, respectively.

McComb also limited the learning period to 160 hours at a subminimum rate of not less than 63 cents hourly for all machine operations other than sewing machine operating and for all pressing operations other than final pressing. For sewing machine operating and for final pressing the learning period will continue for 480 hours.

Insects cause an annual agricultural loss in the United States of at least $3,600,000,000.

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Why Lag on U.S. Health Plan?

Why is labor dragging its feet on the tremendous need for a national health plan? We hear very little about it these days—labor should be demanding day after day, without let-up, that a health plan be instituted, and maybe the eager politicians would do something.

As it is, with every passing week and month, the insurance companies, privately operated health plans, and others in the growing horde of human exploiters, are getting richer and richer and the people are getting farther and farther from a health plan which is their established right in a democracy.

Private health plans are getting firmly rooted, but from them the worker gets only a small part of his dollar in return, also they needlessly tie him to a certain job.

Social security, health, housing, public utilities—these are basic rights which should be made available through government and not turned over for exploitation and profiteering.

The government provides the money — eventually paid back in full—under Rural Electrification Administration, and today 88 per cent of the nation's farmers have electricity in their homes, whereas 11 years ago only 10 per cent enjoyed this "luxury." Just imagine how little progress would have been made under a profit-motivated private exploiter?

The same should be applied to the home industry—the government issue money on homes, so that this "luxury" might be brought within reach of all the little working people. As it is now, a man has to work a lifetime to pay for a home!

But, no, we must turn over these needs to the exploiters, the non-productive middlemen, who get rich from interest, insurance, service charges, etc.

America's wealthy doctors, enjoying the greatest financial bonanza of any profession in world history, met recently in San Francisco amid a great flurry of mink coats and indignation over not being given the best rooms, the best air service available. They have the country's richest lobby working for them in Washington to keep out "socialism"—a badly needed health plan for the people.

Organized labor, the only element in the nation that can do anything about it, has talked about a national health plan, but the talk today is very weak, just a whisper. We ask: why is labor dragging its feet on this vital issue? Why are we permitting this added erosion to the workers' paychecks, when we fully well can do something about it? Why?

A Big Job For Workers

Rep. Howard Smith, the Virginia Dixiecrat, said during House debate on the housing bill:

"The Republicans last year, as soon as they came into power and as soon as they had the power to do it on their first vote on public housing, killed it as dead as a door nail and I am proud of them and I congratulate them on having done so."

This statement of pride by a fossilized Democrat over what the worst elements of the GOP had done to a program of progress sums up rather well the job that faces working people in the 1954 elections. It is to vote for their friends no matter to what political party they belong.



WRAY D. EMPIE
Bus. Agt. Laborers Union 272,

July 4, **Independence Day,** should remind us of the place Social Security has attained in this country.

When we speak of **independence,** we mean **freedom** not only from service to a foreign power, but freedom from want, and freedom from fear brought on by economic insecurity. We cannot stop the passage of time, but we can help make it easier for those too old to work, and for the families where the breadwinner has been lost by death.

Because old-age and survivors insurance is paying over six million people each month, it is obvious that the payments are becoming a major factor toward economic security. On the other hand, old-age and survivors insurance benefits cannot do the whole job, but are designed simply to replace part of the income lost by retirement or death.

Because Social Security replaces only part of the lost income, it is important that each worker provide whatever additional financial security he needs for his family. Old-age and survivors insurance establishes basic protection. The rest depends on individual initiative and independence.

Your local Social Security office at the address below is always ready to give you further information.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

Outlaw Highway 'Gypsies,' AFL Asks

Washington. — The AFL asked Congress not to overrule the Interstate Commerce Commission in its effort to achieve adequate regulation of the motor carrier industry and to decrease the street and highway accident rate.

That would be the effect of passage of a bill which would permit trip-leasing whereby truck owners, farmers and other independent operators would furnish truck transportation without adequate regulation, according to George Riley, AFL national legislative representative.

Riley told the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee that the AFL agrees with the Teamsters Brotherhood which has sought to eliminate highway "gypsies" in order to cut down the highway death and accident rate. He also noted that the commission's decision to regulate interstate truck transportation has been upheld by the Supreme Court.

Observe Safety Rules

State AFL Political League Meets in S.B. on Aug. 26

(CLLPE Release)

The official call for the 1954 pre-general election convention of the California Labor League for Political Education, to be held Thursday, August 26, in Santa Barbara, was being mailed this week to all affiliates from the headquarters office in San Francisco.

Dated July 1, 1954, the call notes that the business of the convention will be to reaffirm primary endorsements for the CLLPE, to issue endorsements for the election of November 2, 1954, in those instances where the position of the league has not been recorded to date, and in those instances where candidates endorsed by the league have failed to qualify at the primary election, and to dispose of such other relevant issues and matters of importance as the delegates may determine.

Each local union affiliated with the California Labor League for Political Education is entitled to one delegate. The vote of each local union is based on the average per capita tax paid into the CLLPE during the year ending June 30, 1954; i.e., the total amount paid in during the twelve calendar month period, July 1, 1953, through June 30, 1954, divided by thirty-six.

Each central labor body, craft council, and local political league affiliated with the CLLPE is entitled to one delegate and one vote.

Delegates may not represent more than one organization, but delegates from central labor bodies, craft councils, and local leagues may also represent the unions of their craft.

Each delegate-elect and each alternate-elect shall receive credentials from the secretary of the organization he or she represents, and a duplicate of the same must be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the CLLPE at least two weeks prior to the first day of the convention, that is, by Thursday, August 12, 1954.

An alternate presenting credentials and seated in place of the delegate-elect shall be the recognized reprseentative throughout the convention.

No individual may serve as a delegate from a local union who is not a member in good standing of such local union, and, in voting, no provies are allowed.

In those situations where the position of the league has not yet been recorded, and in those instances where candidates endorsed by the league have failed to qualify at the primary election, recommendations for the endorsement of candidates for the House of Representatives and the State Legislature shall be made to the Executive Council of the CLLPE by affiliated local unions, central bodies and craft councils, and local leagues.

These recommendations, which must be signed by the executive officer of the local union, central body, craft council or local league making them, must be submitted to the secretary-treasurer of the CLLPE by 5 p.m. Thursday, August 19, 1954.

Endorsement of candidates shall be by a majority vote of the convention.

Deadline for the receipt of resolutions and proposed amendments to the constitution (in triplicate) by the secretary-treasurer is 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, 1954.

Credentials in duplicate will be mailed as soon as the annual audit permits. A list of hotels and accompanying rates will be mailed with the credentials. Delegates may make reservations now by writing to the Santa Barbara Convention Bureau, P.O. Box 299, Santa Barbara, California.

Convention headquarters will be in the Hotel Carrillo. The political league convention will be an evening session starting at 7 p.m., August 26, in the Santa Barbara Armory.

Hit and Run Drivers

If you are a witness to—or a victim of a hit and run driver—you can materially assist your Police Department by obtaining as much information as possible at the accident scene. This includes: 1. Make of Vehicle, 2. Color, 3. License, 4. Damage to the hit and run car, 5. Description of the hit and run driver, and 6. His direction of flight.

The California Vehicle Code specifically outlines the requirements demanded of a motorist involved in a property damage or an injury accident. This section is quoted as follows: "A driver involved in an accident must STOP at the accident scene, identify himself, and his vehicle, exhibit his operator's or chauffeur's license on request, and in case of injury to any person in the accident, shall render aid to such person including the carrying or making arrangements to carry such person to: a physician, surgeon or hospital." In addition to the foregoing, most accidents require that a report be made to police authorities.

Captain W. W. Vernon, Commander of the Oakland Police Department's Traffic Division, suggests that in aiding any person, it is best to call an ambulance rather than your attempting to transport the victim. However, on the open road this service may not be immediately available and, according to law, you must then transport or make the necessary arrangements for the injured person to obtain medical assistance.

REMEMBER—in any accident—first STOP AT THE SCENE—then do those things required by law.

Wage Cut Brings Strike With Deeper One Defied

Uxbridge, Mass. (ILNS)—When a firm with mills here and in two other cities tried to put over a wage cut, 1700 employees represented by the CIO Textile Workers Union of America went out on strike, thereby defying the threat of an even deeper slash.

Buchmann Uxbridge Worsted Corp., which also has plants in South Barre, Mass., and Putnam, Conn., had announced wages would be reduced by 11½ cents an hour. If the workers walked out, it said, the cut would be 15 cents.

"UNION MAID" —A Serial Story

by Stan Jennings



$104 Million Atomic Power Giveaway by Ike

(AFL Release)

Denouncing the proposal as a $104 million giveaway to private utility interests, Rep. Chet Holifield D., Calif.) challnged the power of President Eisenhower to order the Atomic Energy Commision to negotiate a contract with a private utility group.

Holifield said that the AEC was not set up to subsidize private power interests, that the new projcet had nothing to do with atomic energy, was outside the scope of the AEC, and that the move was another effort to squeeze the life out of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

COST TO TAXPAYERS

The California Congressman said that he will continue to carry the fight in the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, of which he is a member, but that if the issue fails there, he will continue the battle on the floor of the House, and the fight will be carried on to the Senate as well, if necessary.

Holifield, speaking over the "As We See It" radio program, presented by the AFL over the American Broadcasting Co. network, declared that the President's proposal would cost the American taxpayers at least $90 million.

He said that the Government had no right to charge the taxpayers to aid private power.

Other Democrats, in the House and Senate, threatened to block revision of the Atomic Energy Law if President Eisenhower did not cancel the power contract to the private utility. This strategy, with a filibuster threatened in the Senate, was adopted when it was decided that other legislative maneuvers faced little chance of success.

"This administrative monstrosity," said Sen. Estes Kefauver, "is nothing but a subsidy for private power firms."

"The Administration has concocted a clever device by which the AEC is forced to act as a 'power broker,' buying power from Government-subsidized private sources, and selling it to TVA at higher prices than TVA produced power.

"Over the life of the contract, American taxpayers will pay at least $90 million more than the cost of equivalent power supplied by TVA. The public will foot the bill while the private utilities get a free ride. At the end of the ride, the private utilities will own the automobile paid for by the taxpayers."

TVA officials testified that the proposed plant would cost $5,567,000 more a year to operate than steam plants that the TVA has proposed but for which it has been unable to get appropriations.

Holifield said that the proposal was one by which the Government would finance 95 per cent of the cost of a private utility, and at the same time move further in "squeezing TVA to death." He pointed out that the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, a $400 million enterprize, has been set up to the northeast of TVA; the Electric Energy Incorp. has been set up to the northwest, and now this one is to the southwest.

"The Administration proposal," Holifield said, "is not only dishonest and costly; I believe it is a flat violation of the letter and spirit of the Atomic Energy Act. A majority of the commissioners oppose this scheme. Yet they are ordered to carry it out. In my opinion, this is a shameful abuse of the AEC's duties and responsibilities to further the private power ideas of the Administration."

Benson Imposes Stiffest Farm Controls in History

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson ordered a 12.7 per cent slash in 1955 wheat output and imposed what are probably the stiffest across-the-board farm controls in history to curb mounting crop surpluses.

Simultaneously, the House Agriculture Committee approved a new "two-price" plan for wheat which would push up domestic prices but save taxpayers millions of dollars in export subsidies. Chairman Clifford R. Hope (R., Kans.) said he did not think it would mean higher bread prices.

The committee also rebuffed the President by voting to allow farmers to decide for themselves next year whether they prefer flexible or rigid corn price supports. The Administration is seeking to institute a system of flexible supports to supplant the rigid supports on all major crops.

ACTED "WITH REGRET"

Benson, who said he acted "with regret," set a national wheat quota of 55 million acres for next year—the smallest permitted by law—and predicted that tough wheat production curbs will be necessary into 1956 and possibly beyond.

He also set up a strict new program to make sure that land taken out of wheat, corn, cotton and other surplus crops is not planted in other crops piling up in Government warehouses. Farmers who do not abide would lose Federal price supports.

The Nation's farmers will be asked to vote next summer on whether they want the "two-price" plan put into effect on the 1956 wheat crop. Under the plan, farmers would be guaranteed 100 per cent of the "fair" parity price on wheat sold domestically but would have to accept the going world price on wheat sent abroad.

VOTE JULY 23

The "two-price" system is designed to prevent the continued strict production controls forecast by Benson.

The Government now guarantees farmers 90 per cent of parity on their over-all crop and pays a subsidy on export wheat. The taxpayers' tab for the subsidy program is expected to total about $56 million this year.

Benson said wheat farmers will vote July 23 on whether they want to accept the curtailed acreage or have price supports drop to 50 per cent of parity.

Meantime, Under Secretary of Agriculture True Morse predicted the stiff controls Benson ordered may injure the Nation's economy. Morse said that if farmers comply with the program "the prosperity of the United States in 1955 will be put under further pressure as more of the farm business is closed down."

But the Under Secretary declared Benson had no choice but to set the controls in the face of rising surpluses.

Sick Call: Poison Ivy

Fort Dix, N. J.—Instead of beginning his basic training, Pvt. Joe Phillips, son of President Paul L. Phillips of the AFL Paper Makers, went into the Army hospital here. He had acquired a bad case of ivy poisoning while on a work detail. Recovered, he moved on to Fort Jackson, S. C., for his basic.

Accommodations Available for Fed. Convention

(State Fed. Release)

Hotel accommodations for the 1954 state AFL convention may now be made directly with the Santa Barbara Convention Bureau, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

The State Federation convention will be held August 23-27 in the southern California city.

Haggerty said reservation requests should be sent directly to the Santa Barbara Convention Bureau, P. O. Box 299, Santa Barbara.

A list of hotels and accompanying rates will be mailed from state AFL headquarters to all affiliated organizations in mid-July.

Haggerty also revealed that the list of hotels approved by the local labor movement was the only one being used by the convention bureau, and thus reservations may be safely made prior to the mailing of the list by the State Federation.

Convention headquarters will be at the Hotel Carrillo in downtown Santa Barbara. All sessions of the week-long convention will be held in the Santa Barbara Armory.

The pre-general-election convention of the State Labor League for Political Education will be held in the Armory on Thursday night, August 26.

Haggerty also reminded that State Federation resolutions and proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted in triplicate to state AFL headquarters. Deadline for the receipt of such resolutions and amendments is 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 18.

West's Teamsters Convene in S.F.

(State Fed. Release)

Five hundred delegates were in attendance at the annual assembly of the Western Conference of Teamsters in San Francisco starting June 28.

International President Dave Beck addressed Monday's opening session at the Curran Theater. Other speakers were San Francisco's Mayor Elmer E. Robinson, Daniel V. Flanagan, regional AFL director, and Thomas L. Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor.

Following the Curran Theater session delegates broke up into craft panels for discussion of industry problems.

The convention arrangements were directed by Frank Brewster, international vice president and executive officer of the Western Conference of Teamsters.



Making Ends Meet

Prepared Products Lighten Work Load of Housewives

By NANCY PRATT

To avoid long hours in hot kitchens during the summer, housewives will probably be relying more heavily than usual on prepared foods. Foods that should be easy on the pocketbook and light on cooking time this month include broiler chickens, chickens, cheese dishes, and frozen fish fillets.

The rapid gain in popularity of frozen breaded fish sticks indicates that housewives may be willing to pay a little extra to have their work done for them. These deep-fired fish fillets sell at about 45 to 50 cents for a 10-ounce package.

Raw fish fillets are even lower priced and actually don't take much longer to butter and pop under the broiler than the pre-cooked sticks.

Processed American cheese, now selling at its lowest price since January 1951, is an ideal source of protein in hot weather. Cheese can be used for quick dishes in any number of ways—with macaroni, in souffles, or diced in salads. And don't forget cheeseburgers and grilled cheese sandwishes—sure winners with the youngsters.

Canned meats are another easy way out of the kitchen but are often vetoed by the rest of the family because of their packaged flavor. You can avoid this criticism by dressing them up in different ways. Fry them with tomato and onion slices or prepare as patties with alternating slices of corn bread, topped with cheese sauce.

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WISDOM WITH RUGS

Your rugs and carpets will look nicer and last longer if you follow a regular cleaning schedule. Two or three strokes of the vacuum cleaner every day will keep your carpets in peak condition. In addition to regular removal of surface dust, rugs need a periodic thorough cleaning to remove invisible grit and grime beneath the surface. Use slow even strokes for this part of the cleaning, spending about 15 minutes on a 9-by-12 rug.

Rug-cleaning powders will help get rid of obvious spots but you can't count on them to remove heavy neglected dirt. These powders work particularly well on all-wool rugs. Fiber and cotton rugs do not respond well to powders, however, because the material has too little absorbency, but the surface can be brightened somewhat with rug shampoos. Rugs should always be thoroughly cleaned and mothproofed if they're being stored away for the summer.

If you don't have a good vacuum cleaner, remember to select rugs that are manageable by hand, and don't have to be dry cleaned. Cotton twist scatter rugs are a good bet if you have limited cleaning equipment because surface dust can be shaken out. For a thorough cleaning they can be washed in your washing machine or taken to a launderette to be washed and fluffed dry at a cost of about 9 cents a pound. If you dont' have your own machine, remember to get dark colors that won't have to be laundered more than once every six weeks.

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COOKING HINT

To speed baking time of potatoes in hot weather, insert a buttered four-inch aluminum nail through them lengthwise. The nail gets hot, helps cook the potatoes from the inside, and cuts about 15 minutes from their regular cooking time.

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UNION LABEL

Let the union label be your guide to products that always give you full value for your dollars.

FACTORY JOBS TOBOGGANING

Washington (PAI) — Don't be misled by current reports that unemployment is dropping!

It is true that the number of persons "actively" seeking jobs dropped between April and May. However, this was in part due to a seasonal increase in farm work and withdrawals from the labor force. The hard fact is that during the month of May there were nearly one-quarter of a million fewer jobs for city workers than in April.

Here are the figures:

Non-agricultural industries cut back employment by almost a quarter of a million from 54,522,000 in April to 54,297,000 in May.

During the same period the number of "temporarily laid off and told to expect recall in 30 days" rose from 216,000 to 291,000 —or about one-third.

The number of workers in agriculture rose about 800,000 from 6,076,000 to 6,822,000.

Unemployment dropped from 3,500,000 in April to 3,300,000 in May which was less than the usual seasonal reduction.

What's the story behind these figures?

Part of it lies in a sharp pick-up of the number of persons in agricultural jobs, including many "housewives and students who joined the farm labor force . . . and previously unemployed workers (who) transferred from nonfarm to farm work."

Back in 1945 a Federal Reserve Board pamphlet on "Jobs, Production and Living Standards" warned that "unemployment has a way of disguising itself by blending its color with that of the nearest emergency refuge. Unemployment becomes a shift to the farm, makeshift jobs, a movement out of the labor force, part-time work, so that statistics catch only part of the fact."

Is a "back to the farm" movement starting in the American labor force?

Again the latest figures show signs of unevenness in the concentration of unemployment.

Heavy unemployment, ranging from 10 per cent to 13 per cent of the labor force covered under Social Security, exists in West Virginia, Kentucky, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, which are centers of the depressed coal mining, textile and apparel industries.

Reports to the Department of Labor also show that out of the 200,000 employment cut-back in all manufacturing industries between April and May, over half of this cut-back—125,000—was in durable goods manufacturing industries.

There are indications of further reductions in the key automotive sector of the economy, particularly since new car sales apparently passed their peak early in May. Businessmen also are reducing their investment in tools and other capital equipment. A recent survey in this area of the economy shows that the rate of capital spending is expected to continue to decline through September.

Armed Forces Voted Nearly $29 Billion

Washington.—The Senate Appropriations Committee voted to allow the armed forces nearly $29 billion in the fiscal year beginning July 1. In deciding to send the big defense spending bill to the floor, the committee approved just about what the Administration wanted.

Monterey County Union Directory

Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St. San Jose.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres. Herbert Ridgway, 224 Abbott St., phone 3470; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec.; Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey; 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres. Steve Frank, 103 N. First Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-2886.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose phone CYpress 5-3849. Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave.. San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. and Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. **Disrict Vice President, Thomas A. Small,** office 114 B St., San Mateo, ph. Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres. M. L. Martin, 1420 Del Monte, phone 7841; Fin. Secy. and Bus. Agent, Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Secy., A. O. Miller. Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

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CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Beulah Wenzinger, 55 Katherine Ave., phone 2-0761; Rec. Secy., Mrs. Velma Holcomt, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Fin. Secy., Mrs. Jean Pilliar, 123 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902. Office 244 Lang St., phone 8517.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Eide, Box 16, Marina, phone 5-7242; Vice-Pres., O. A. Miller, phone Salinas 9293; Secy.-Treas., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-0335.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Dial H. Miles; Secy.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark. Office in Glikbarg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., Room 18, phone 7787.

DRY CLEANERS 33—Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Dempsey McPherson; Sec., Claudia Staten; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler. Office, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151 Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St. phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres. Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel; office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder. Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst., Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Glikbarg Bldg., 5 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall. Pres., Carl G. Jones. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empie, Labor Temple, 177 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. McKrone, Box 514, Freedom; Sec. and B. A., Dean Siefeldt, 1533 First Av., Salinas, phone 5418.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 33—Meets 3rd Thursday, 5:15 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Hazel Skewes; Sec., Grace MacRossie; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

MECHANICS and MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell, 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate. Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeannette Zoccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 400 Natividad St., phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130½ Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agent, Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln. Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John S. McCall; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini. Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Mervin E. Tierney, 219 - 4th St., P.G.; Sec.-Treas., Robt. J. Lovejoy, 1366 Alta Vista, Seaside, phone Monterey 2-6901.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 3624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Leslie B. Sellars, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opfer, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone Monterey 5-6744

STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Stanley Falkenberg, 2 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-7758; Rec. Sec., Al Pierce, 717 Sunset Dr., Capitola, phone, Santa Cruz 5629-M; Fin. Sec., Art Jackson, 1123 Kimmel, Salinas, phone 2-0818; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRossie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel St.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson; Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m. alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St., San Jose.

BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Mercurio, Carmel; Rec. Sec., L. J. Boyns; Fin. Sec., James O. Jolley, 113 McNear, phone 2-1127.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey; 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-2886.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., phone CYpress 5-3849; San Jose Office at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., phone CYpress 2-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. and Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. **Disrict Vice President, Thomas A. Small,** office 114 B St., San Mateo, ph. Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., E. E. Norman; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec. Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Eide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 2-7511, home phone 5-7242.

CARPENTERS LADIES' AUXILIARY 674—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Mrs. Nora Maxwell, 2022 Del Monte, phone 2-4231; Sec., Mrs. Robert Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Emil Kouba, 231 Lobos, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1873.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Eide, Box 16, Marina, phone 5-7242; Vice-Pres., O. A. Miller, phone Salinas 9293; Secy.-Treas., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-0335.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Bartenders Hall, 338 Calle Principal, 730 p.m. Pres., Nels Pederson, phone 2-5062; Sec.-Treas., Russel E. Hansen, office 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6734.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., P. J. Tracey, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroat, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agent LeRoy Hastey, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632;Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Parajo, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec. Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 457 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Tony Alves, 492 Webster, phone 5-5869; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbracht, 509 Granite, Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 919 Cypress, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman St., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Michael Youlden; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 483—Meets 1st Weds., 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Weds., 2:30 p.m., 338 Calle Principal. Pres., Robert S. Harrington, Box 539, P.G., phone 2-4745; Sec.-Treas., Robert F. Armstrong, office 338 Calle Principal, phone 5-6734.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 320 Hoffman, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Holt; Sec. and Bus. Agt., George E. Jenkins, Box 142, Monterey. Office, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-8456.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. McKrone, Box 514, Freedom; Sec. and B. A., Dean Siefeldt, 1533 First Av., Salinas, phone 5418.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grovee, phone 5-6569; Sec., Dortis Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin. Pres., Louis B. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Foster. Office, 125 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 238 Auburn St., Salinas, phone 2-0579.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. Isackson, office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Radley; Sec. and Bus. Agt. T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Bernie Warrington, 1352 Military Ave., Seaside; Rec. Secy., Paul P. Hazdovac, P.O. Box 11, Carmel; Sec.-Bus. Agt., John Grisin. Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-7580.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets 1st Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg. 7:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec and B.A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759—Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St., ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 De la Vina, ph. 5-5406.

Poverty for Calif. Aged

A program of positive action for wage-earners and all others interested in adequate old-age security was laid before listeners by George McLain, state pension leader, during a recent state-wide speaking tour.

"The present $80 maximum pension allowance for needy old persons in California is too meager to support a decent human existence in these days of the diminished dollar," McLain said.

"The union members and other workers invest their time in business—which cannot live without them—and should receive a profit on this investment for their old age. Unfortunately, they do not, but instead are cast off for the crime of growing too old to work."

McLain called attention to the huge gaps existing in coverage by present federal social security and private pension plans, and to the need for increased state aid.

"The proposition 'Aid to Needy Aged,' which appears on the ballot for November 2 calls for a maximum pension of $100—a $20 increase in state old age assistance," he said. "This amount is the very least that will enable the old-age pensioners to maintain a passable standard of life. It is our reponsibility to support and ensure victory for this measure."

More than 550,000 signatures for the petition which placed "Aid to Needy Aged" on the ballot were obtained in less than eight weeks, McLain pointed out. This proves, he said, that the public conscience recognizes the need for an increase in pensions.

"This is no 'pensioner's heaven' to which 'Johnny-Come-Latelies are flocking to cash in on pension benefits," McLain said. "Actually, no one can receive old-age assistance who has not lived in the state 5 out of the last 9 years. Also, California ranks fifth among the leading states in the amount of average pension payments, not first as is generally believed.

"In 1935, the pensioner received $35, and was allowed to earn $15 more for a total of $50. Today, due to the decline of the dollar's value to 53 cents, the purchasing power of the $80 allowance is only $42.40. The pensioner is allowed no outside earnings without deductions, thus in many cases leaving him worse off economically than at the depth of the depression in 1935."

McLain appears on a television program sponsored by the California Institute of Social Welfare, which also sponsored the proposition "Aid to Needy Aged," at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday from KGO-TV San Francisco (Channel 7).

He also is heard discussing the plight of the oldsters on a radio program from KYA San Francisco at 3:15 p.m. daily.

WORST TIME OF DAY

Impatience to get home, weariness after the day's work, and congestion of traffic combine to make the hours from four to six o'clock p.m. the most dangerous of the day. More than a sixth of all traffic fatalities occur in those two hours.

Lists Labor's Friends, Foes

Washington (PAI)——AFL's Labor's League for Political Education has singled out 16 of the 96 Senators who voted in the public interest and are down-the-line friends of labor.

That is the number which the League in its Voting Record just released lists as never casting a wrong vote on each of the 27 major issues over the last six years, 1947-May, 1954.

On the other hand, LLPE lists 17 Senators who failed to cast even one correct vote in the last six years. Mark them down as definotely anti-labor and against the public interest.

Of the 27 issues 10 were on labor, 13 on social welfare, five were on domestic economic policy and two on foreign aid.

"If the voters have full information about the record of candidates running for office," the League stated in issuing the voting record, "they will vote for the best ones."

The League also stressed that in selecting four classifications of legislation "AFL members and the public at large are assured that the AFL does not judge Congressmen on selfish narrow lines but with the broad public interest in mind."

Following are labor's friends with party affiliation and the state which they represent:

Kennedy (D., Mass.), Humphrey (D., Minn.), Hennings (D., Mo.), Symington (D., Mo.), Mansfield (D., Mont.), Murray (D., Mont.), Lehman (D., N.Y.), Burke D., O.), Monroney (D., Okla.), Morse (Ind., Ore.), Green (D., R.I.), Pastore (D., R.I.), Gore (D., Tenn.), Kefauver (D., Tenn.), Jackson D., Wash.), and Neely (D., W. Va.).

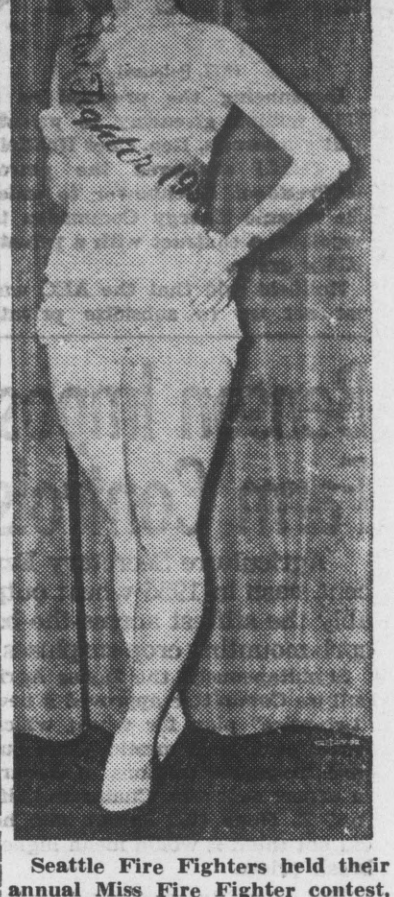
In addition to the above group Hill (D., Ala), Sparkman (D., Ala.), Douglas (D., Ill.), Clements (D., Ky.) and Magnuson D., Wash.) cast all correct votes with one exception.

Three senators, Chavez (D., N. Mex.), Langer (R., N.D.), and Kilgore (D., W. Va.) voted right on all but two occasions.

Below are the senators who failed to cast even one pro-labor vote in the eyes of LLPE:

Goldwater (R., Ariz.), Kuchel (D., Calif.), Millikin (R., Colo.), Purtell (R., Conn.), Williams R., Del.), Walker (R., Idaho), Dirksen (R., Ill.), Butler (R., Nebr.), Potter R., Mich.), Butler (R., Md.), Bricker (R., Ohio), Bennett (R., Utah), McCarthy, (R., Wisc.), and Barrett (R., Wyo). Upton (R., Me.) and Lennon (D., N.C.) only cast two votes, both wrong.

Miss Fire Fighter



Seattle Fire Fighters held their annual Miss Fire Fighter contest, and from a field of 12, chose Jacquie Matson, 21, who works for an insurance firm, and is the sister-in-law of Seattle Fireman Ernest Humphries. Jacquie will be the firemen's entry in the Seafair Queen contest, sponsored by Firefighters Local 27, AFL.

Not All California Hawks Are Villains

The average man with a gun will draw a beat on any hawk that comes within range, yet the unfortunate fact is that most hawks that can be killed easily are beneficial to man.

Game management men of the Department of Fish and Game state that such common species as the redtail and sparrowhawk are killed too often because their flight makes them easy to hit.

Only three species of hawks are legally classed by the state as predatory birds — the duck, Cooper's, and sharp-shinned hawks. All are speedy, powerful and hard to bring down.

The Cooper's hawk and sharp-shinned hawk are very common in California and prey largely on quail. They have short, blunt wings and long tails. They are rarely found in the open, usually lingering in the vicinity of trees, either lying in wait or pursuing such birds as quail.

DUCK HAWK RARE

The duck hawk is rarer in this state and not commonly encountered. He is blue-grey, has a strong body, short and narrow tapered wings and a fast, quickening wing beat.

The other "good" species of hawk are protected because their diet consists largely of rodents. While it is true any hawk can on occasion take a game bird, the "good" hawks do so infrequently.

Among the protected species, in addition to the redtail and sparrowhawk, are two special of "rough-leg," the marsh, and kite hawks.

A recent survey made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that 94 per cent of the diet of the Cooper's hawk is made up of small birds, game birds, poultry or rabbits.

Picnic

Detroit—Tom Devlin has learned that it is possible to make some money in a union newspaper office.

Tom, business agent for the AFL Sprinkler Fitters Local 704, stopped in the offices of the Detroit Labor News and bet the paper's secretary that the word "picnic" was not spelled with a "k." The bet was small but to Tom it was OK picnic.

SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

LABORERS 272

By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

Last week the calls into the office for laborers was very slow. The reason is very hard to explain.

Some of our members are going to Spreckels at this time. This is much earlier than was expected.

Our laborers are real supporters of the Packers Ball Club. They certainly are in accord that the umpiring is about as bad as could be found anywhere.

Brother Mike Rosas was called to Los Angeles, his brother passed away in that city. You have our sympathies, Mike.

I read in the paper the other day where someone received at public auction $8000 for one dollar. The dollar was a silver 1804. The coin is one of eight specimens known to exist. Any of our Laborers or Hod Carriers have one of these in his belongings?

Life insurance benefits under our Welfare Plan. This plan insures you in the amount of $1000, payable in full to your beneficiary in the event of your death from any cause—on the job or off—while you are insured.

If your general coverage under the plan terminates, your life insurance will be continued for 31 days. During that period, you may exchange it for any individual policy. However, this privilege can be exercised only once.

You need only make application and pay the proper premium. Your individual policy will go into force immediately following the termination of your life insurance under the Welfare Plan. You will not be required to take a medical examination for your new policy.

You may name anyone you wish as your beneficiary and you may change your beneficiary at any time by filling out the proper form and sending it to the Trust Office.

Many of our members have come out with their Big Week hats. The Laborers of our organization should be complimented, they are much more public spirited than they are credited for.

Baxter, the brick contractor, says that he and General Contractor Chas. Stephens will have the Airport Barbecue ready for the Big Week crowds.

John Delphia finally got a good break on his dirt moving. Hampshire needed dirt in his subdivision and Delphia had to move dirt. The two got together and a good deal was made for the two people concerned.

G. W. Davis on the Gabilan School is really trying to get those children in the area under a new roof and housed in a beautiful building.

The Greenfield School is nearing completion.

The president of Local 272 had a most enjoyable trip to the pipeline job last week. He says that next time he is going to take along a burro, the ride would be much smoother, and that he certainly does not enjoy walking.

Jack Thompson reports that they must close down the sea water plant for approximately three weeks. They will try to give our members their vacations and clean up work to keep them employed.

P & E is back in the area again, putting in sewers in the Mayfair Park area.

Ted Baun on the San Juan Road is moving right on down the road.

The housing project at Soledad has finally got started.

The new telephone number of your Local 272 is now 2-7077. Call this number whenever you think there is something wrong on the job.

The next regular meeting of your union will be Monday, July 12th. We will see you then if not before.

International Representative Geo. Gibbs was in the area last week to check some jobs. A few differences were straightened out to the satisfaction of everyone.

The office secretary of the Plumbers Local has been sporting a new station wagon. The members now will want to check all records or demand an investigation. For their information I have it from good authority that the wagon has more than one owner.

We were informed that the boss of Bill Pedigo gave him a vacation. We sure miss that man around the area, though it is only once a week. Something that you have or see, you take for granted. We wish the Pedigo family a good time and all that goes with a good vacation. Hurry back, Pedigo, and don't let it happen again too soon. We miss your arguments. Who are you arguing with now? We will have to ask Mrs. Pedigo and the boys. Poor family.

On many an occasion we have wished that this modern convenience, the telephone, was never invented, especially on the many occasions when instead of the member himself calling in, it is that fortified individual who is talking. On June 30th during the dispatching hours our phone went blank. This was a rather awkward feeling, not knowing whether or not some contractor was calling in for our members. We sincerely hope that no one lost any time from this and that it has not inconvenienced any of the contractors.

Many happy birthdays to the following: Brothers H. H. Hayes and Jack Porter.

We have heard that Mrs. Frank Costello has been very ill. We wish her a speedy rocevery.

Pension Program Gained By Sheet Metal Workers In Trail-Blazing Pact

Detroit (ILNS)—A pension program—the first non-contributory plan for employees among building trades unions here—was won for members of Sheet Metal Local 281. Marion Macioce, business manager of the local and vice president of Detroit Building Trades Council, in announcing that 34 contractors so far had agreed to the plan, called the pension program "a precedent-making step that will bring added benefits to union workmen."

Under terms of the agreement, employers will pay one per cent of the payroll into the fund, dating from May 1. In November the payment will rise to two per cent, and to three per cent next January. A committee of contractors and union officials were to work out final details of the program.

Included in the contract also are six paid holidays, two weeks of vacation with pay, a health and welfare program, and other fringe gains. The journeyman scale for sheet metal workers here is $3 an hour.

IBEW Scores Gains For 17,000 at RCA

Washington (ILNS)—New gains worth more than 9 cents an hour have been won by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 17,000 factory employees of the Radio Corporation of America, Lawson Wimberley, assistant to IBEW President J. Scott Milne, announced.

Achieved after 8 days of bargaining here, the gains include an overall 3 per cent wage increase, inequity adjustments and insurance improvements.

IBEW represents a majority of RCA's production employees, who work in seven plants throughout the country, Wimberley pointed out.

Scram, Bud

Washington.—"In a great many instances a 'security risk' is a Democrat who holds a job a Republican wants."—Rep. Otto Passman (D., La.).

Safety Tips On Carbon Tet

(By C. F. ELLIOT, Member, System Safety Committee)

Industrial accident reports indicate that more and more workers are being killed or injured by carbon tetrachloride, commonly called carbon tet.

Carbon tet is used as a dry cleaner, a fire extinguisher fluid, a grease remover and as a solvent for rubber cement and quick-drying lacquers, in addition to numerous other uses. A pleasant sweet-smelling liquid, carbon tet is clear and colorless at normal temperatures. While it is non-flammable, it turns to vapor easily at room temperatures. This vapor is more than 5 times as heavy as air.

At high temperatures carbon tet decomposes and forms very strong poisons, one of which is phosgene. Breathing just a little phosgene may produce death or very serious illness.

You can be injured by carbon tet in several ways: by breathing the vapor; by swallowing the liquid; and by contact with the skin or eyes. **Just one exposure to carbon tet may harm you or even kill you if the concentration is high.** Lower concentrations may also be harmful if you are repeatedly exposed.

Exposure to carbon tet can cause severe and often fatal cases of liver and kidney damage. It can cause inflammation of the skin and it can cause painful eye irritations.

Susceptibility to carbon tet is especially high among those who have high blood pressure, nervous disorders, diseases of the vital organs, or who are either overweight or undernourished. **It should also be noted that people who drink alcoholic beverages in excessive quantities will usually have susceptibility to carbon tet.**

When a person shows symptoms of carbon tet poisoning, he should be removed immediately from the contaminated atmosphere and placed under the care of a physician. **Symptoms include dizziness, loss of consciousness, nausea, mental confusion.**

All contaminated clothing should be removed at once. If eyes or skin have been touched by carbon tet they should be washed thoroughly with large quantities of water for at least 15 minutes. Whenever carbon tet touches the eyes medical attention should be provided as soon as possible.

Make no mistake about it—carbon tet is one of the most dangerous and harmful of the common solvents. Special care should be taken to store it out of the reach of children.

A few simple precautions in the storing and use of carbon tet may save you much needless pain or even death. Safety measures should be stressed at all times with respect to this dangerous solvent.

Marital Favoritism

In Copenhagen, Denmark, for the first time in the history of European labor, a threat of marriage compelled a national parliament to take action on a pay increase demand. Thirty government employees, 15 bachelors and 15 unmarried maidens, decided they were getting nowhere protesting what they contended was an unjust national law—it provided higher salaries for married or divorced government employees than for unmarried ones. To dramatize their protest, the 15 couples decided to get married in a mass wedding to be followed immediately by a mass divorce. Publicity on their plans swelled beyond their wildest dreams, especially after the Minister of Justice declared there would be nothing illegal in the weddings and divorces. At this point Parliament was ready to surrender, and the Minister of Finance gave pay hikes to several categories of government workers and promised to eliminate the different scales for married and unmarried employees.

Hear Frank Edwards

Strategists Eye Workers' Vote

The vital part that trade unionists will play in the 1954 elections has been shown by top political strategists of both major parties. They have pointed out that control of the next Congress, to be elected in November, hinges chiefly on the votes in the cities, where the vast majority of working people live.

The present House of Representatives consists of 219 Republicans and 215 Democrats, plus an Independent. Of the 219 GOP Representatives, 43 either won seats held by Democrats two years ago or were elected with 55 per cent or less of the total vote. Thus their seats are considered doubtful.

Of these 43 seats, 39 represent districts where the urban population accounts for 80 per cent or more of the total population. Seventeen come from districts in big cities such as New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Detroit and Seattle.

On the other hand, Republican Party tacticians place about 30 seats now held by Democrats in the "doubtful" category. And all but a handful of these come from cities.

Railway Carman Wins $90,000 for Injury

Hornell, N.Y. (ILNS)—A settlement of $90,000 was won by William J. Weaver of this city, a member of Lodge 1105 Railway Carmen and a car inspector for the Erie Railroad, for injuries suffered when he was hit by a freight car at the yards here in October 1950.

The settlement was announced by Howard M. Metzenbaum, counsel for the General Chairmen's Association of the shopcraft unions on the Erie. The freight car ran across Weaver's heel and part of his leg, the lawyer explained, and while Weaver underwent plastic surgery, "the leg never completely recovered."

Metzenbaum filed suit for $300,000 in New York City, but shortly before the date set for the trial, the railroad's attorneys agreed to settle for the $90,000, plus "forgiveness" of $4475 in loans the Erie had previously made to Weaver and payment of $10,000 in medical and hospital bills he had incurred.

26 Luxury Items Banned by FHA

The federal Housing Administration ruled that barbecue pits, swimming pools and other luxury items no longer are eligible for FHA home modernization and repair financing.

Acting Commissioner Norman P. Mason announced a ban on 26 items as FHA moved to curb abuses of its Title II program.

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PICKETING, 1954 STYLE!

From Miami, Fla., comes a report of the latest in picketing—SKY-picketing. The Culinary Union there hired an airplane, used it to pull a long streamer which read: "Bonfire Rest. Unfair—Picketed by Local 133, AFL." The plane attracted widespread attention but we have no word as to whether the union gained a contract.

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Vacation's over; reminds us that this is the time of year when people leave the comforts of home for the discomforts of a summer resort, and call it a vacation.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

Can you answer all of these?

1. The combined membership of the AFL and CIO in Canada is a little over (a) 1,000,000, (b) 2,000,000, (c) 3,000,000.

2. The term "walking delegate" refers to (a) a delegate who walks out of a convention before it ends, (b) the captain of a picket line, (c) a business agent in the building trades.

3. Last month the Supreme Court outlawed segregation in (a) interstate commerce, (b) public schools, (c) swimming pools, beaches, and Turkish baths.

4. The AFL Hatters Union recently settled a 10-month strike in which the basic issue was (a) annual wage, (b) production quotas, (c) right of the company to move its plant to another part of the country.

5. President of the Movie Actors' Union is (a) Buster Keaton, (b) Walter Pidgeon, (c) Clark Gable.

(Answers below.)

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Heard the story of the lone baby chick hatched in an incubator full of unhatched eggs? He looked around and exclaimed, "Looks as if I'll be an only child; mother has blown her fuse!"

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San Jose unions are going all out to try to bring the 1955 convention of the California State Federation of Labor to San Jose. The city's convention bureau has enough room listed to accommodate the huge crowd, and the new exposition hall of the County Fair can handle several thousand convention delegates if necessary. It's a big project, and a big venture—and it deserves the support of all the unions in the nearby areas. Letters to the State Federation, urging that the convention next year go to San Jose, and instructions to delegates to vote for San Jose for convention city, will help.

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What could be better for a closing thought—

It matters not how tough the strife,
I am a man, and not a mouse.
I am the captain of my life—
When my wife's not in the house!

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Answers to questions: 1. (a); 2. (c); 3. (b); 4. (c); 5. (b).

Nonfarm Housing Starts Declining

Nonfarm housing starts declined by about 4 per cent between April and May, to a total of 106,000, according to estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Most sections of the country shared in the decline. The total volume of new private home building, however, was at about the same high level as in May of last year.

An abnormal amount of poor weather which prevailed in many states during May apparently hindered initial activity in these areas. Also, some delay may have resulted from scattered work stoppages, although these were not as numerous or as large as a year ago when both weather and strikes contributed to the first April - May decline since the beginning of World War II.

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Today . . . a serious illness or accident may cost $400 — $4,000 — or more.



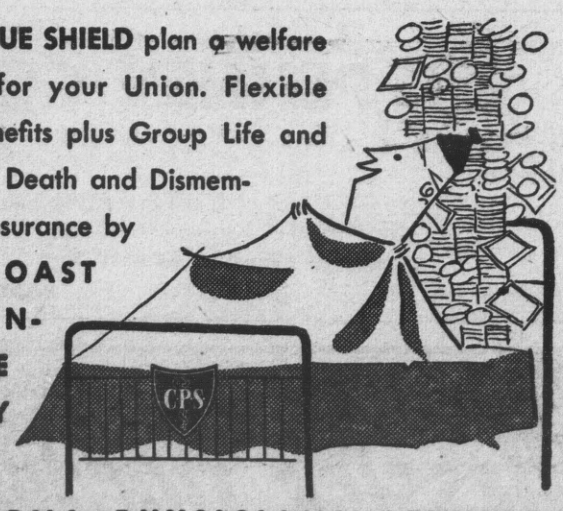
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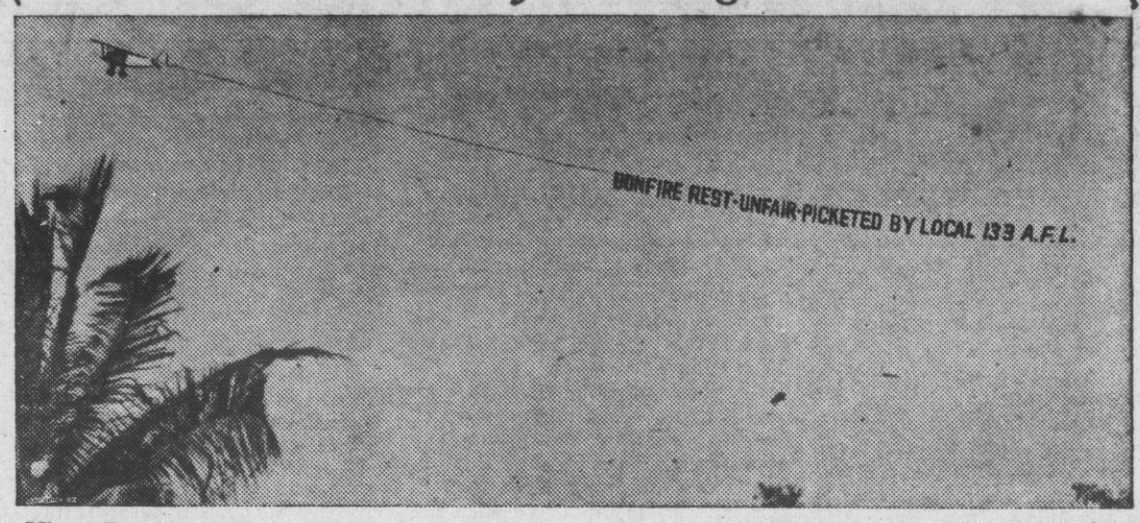


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Union Takes to Sky-Picketing Over Miami



Miami Beach is being treated to a new message via skywriting as Local 133 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Intl. Union, AFL, made use of flying streamers to sky-picket a local restaurant. The streamer reads "Bonfire Rest. Unfair—Picketed by Local 133 AFL."

Write Senators on Social Security Bill

As strongly urged by Frank Edwards, AFL national commentator, all union members and their friends are asked to drop a card or note, airmail, to California's two members of the U. S. Senate, Sen. Wm. Knowland and Sen. Thomas Kuchel, at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., urging them to vote for passage of the Social Security Bill in the form that it passed the House of Representatives—WITHOUT CHANGE!

This bill, as passed by the House, provides improved coverage and greater benefits. It has both Democratic and Eisenhower Administration support but needs popular demand for its enactment to help get it passed over the lobbying efforts of certain big business interests. Write today! Every word counts on this measure vital to all of us!

AFL Scholarships Awarded in Fresno

(State Fed. Release)

Three Fresno Junior College scholarships have been awarded by the Chester H. Cary AFL Memorial Scholarship Fund supported by the Fresno Labor Council.

The scholarship fund was established to honor "Chet" Cary, secretary of the Fresno Labor Council, who died suddenly last December. Cary was also a member of the Fresno City Council.

Five awards will be made from the fund each year and five from a similar fund approved by the Fresno Building Trades Council.

Arch Bradshaw, chairman of the scholarship committee, said the remaining seven awards will probably be made before next fall.

Each of the three winners named this month will receive $50 to advance his studies at Fresno Junior College next year.

Scholarships are given to students who show outstanding promise in their chosen field and have good records of citizenship and character. Preference is given to boys and girls seeking associated arts degrees in vocational fields.

Mediation Better Than Injunction, This Judge Shows

Ann Arbor, Mich. (ILNS)—Instead of taking action on an injunction sought by contractors of this area, Circuit Judge James R. Breakey Jr. acted as intermediary between the parties and ended a 3-week strike by Carpnters Local 512, with everybody pleased.

Under terms of the new agreement with the Washtenaw County General Contractors Association, reached after a series of meetings in the judge's chambers, the Carpenters gained a 19-cent package increase—14 cents more an hour and 5 for health and welfare.

Hear Frank Edwards!

SMOKERS FACE SHORTER LIVES

San Francisco (LNS)—Are you a cigarette smoker who consumes a pack or more a day?

If so, and particularly if you are in the 50 to 70 age bracket, your chances of a long life are much slimmer than those of the nonsmoker.

The American Cancer Society reported here that smoking a pack or more of cigarettes daily cuts the life span and doubles the death rates from cancer and heart disease for men in this age group.

Numerically, heart disease takes the greater portion, but cancer, lung and other types, is also greater for heavy smokers in the 50 to 70 age bracket.

The special report was made to the American Medical Society's convention here by Dr. Cuyler Hammond and Dr. Daniel Horn, director and assistant director for research of the ACS.

It is based upon studies going back to 1952 and covering 187,000 healthy men aged 50 to 70 and a check up on causes of death among 4854 who died within 20 months.

For those who smoked, the death rate from all causes was 75 per cent higher than men who never smoked. For those smoking a pack a day or more of cigarettes the death rate from cancer and heart diseases is at certain ages double that of the nonsmoker.

While there is yet no information directly bearing on effects cigarettes have on men and women under 50 the report indicates some parallel relationship. The authors say, however, that further studies will be necessary to reach any conclusive decisions.

The report points up that cigarettes seem to be the one offending smoke. For men who use cigars or a pipe alone there seemed to be no effect on the death rate. The possible exception to this was noted for cancer in general. This issue, too, is subject to further study, the report said.

The report said there is evidence that cigarettes may have a cause and effect relationship with cancer and heart attacks.

FEW PLANTS MOVING TO JOBLESS AREAS

Washington (PAI)—A much publicized Government program to channel industrial investments into areas of heavy unemployment hasn't gotten very far to date.

Only 11 companies have indicated plans to locate new plants or expand production in areas hard hit by unemployment since the campaign got started last fal, according to a report by the Office of Defense Mobilization. A total of 12 tax benefit certificates have been issued—two to one company.

These would employ only 1639 workers. The proposed facilities would have a total value of $20 million.

During the same period of seven months O.D.M. has written 925 certificates for fast tax write-offs on facilities valued at $1.2 billion.

Under the program to relieve areas hard hit by unemployment, companies eligible for tax write-off received juicier benefits if they locate their plants in certain distressed areas.

Following are some of the larger projects under the distressed area program: U.S. Steel Corp. at Corbin, Ky., 90 workers; Industrial Rayon Corp., Covington, Va., 200 workers; Dumont-Airplane & Instrument Co., Clearfield, Pa., 100 workers; Niles-Bement-Pond Co., Providence, R.I., 275 additional workers; United Metal Box Co., Pottsville, Pa., 600 workers; and General Electric Company, Scranton, Pa., 100 workers.

Ike Asks More Cash For Jobless Insurance

Washington.—A rise in the estimated annual average of unemployment compensation cases handled under the Federal-state program of jobless insurance forced President Eisenhower to ask Congress for $88.4 million more in benefits and $43 million more for grants to states in the program than he had requested in the budget for the year beginning July 1.

The extra appropriations are included in a request for $131.6 million in supplemental funds for the Department of Labor.

The White House said that when the budget was first submitted last winter, the average number of unemployment compensation cases for the year was estimated at 1.1 million. It said states now are paying benefits to an average of 1.9 million unemployed persons or 73 per cent more than the original prediction.

Attend! Take part!

Using Union Label Good for Business

Seattle (LNS)—A major canning company, Lynden Products, has decided to use the union label, illustrating that the canning industry in this area considers it "good for business."

That's the view of Charles J. Mentrin, president, Northwest Poultry, Egg and Feed Council. The workers are members of the AFL Meat Cutters.

"When you consider this large buying power concentrated in the hands of union members and their families," Mentrin said, "you can readily understand why more and more employers are beginning to realize that it's simply good business to have the union label on their products."

We should never create by law what can be accomplished by morality.—Montesquieu.